

# Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley

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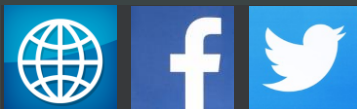
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## Monroe County District Attorney's Office

### Weekly Newsletter



Welcome to the weekly newsletter from Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley.

### Message from Sandra Doorley

#### One Year Later

*One year ago Rochester Police Officer Anthony Mazurkiewicz was shot and killed in the line of duty and Rochester Police Officer Sino Seng was shot and injured.*

*I was devastated, as the District Attorney and as a member of this community. Both police officers were doing their job to protect the City of Rochester, and Officer Mazurkiewicz paid the ultimate price. The Rochester Police Department lost one of its finest. Our community lost a hero. A family lost a son, a husband, a father, a brother, and a grandfather.*

*Yesterday, you may have seen Tony's wife, Lynn Mazurkiewicz, and retired Sergeant Brett Sobieraski on the Today Show. I urge you to watch this segment, Officer's Mazurkiewicz friends and family speak on Tony's life and his sacrifice. Please see the link below.*



<https://www.today.com/video/friends-keep-fallen-nypd-officer-s-memory-alive-with-special-tribute-188875333522?search=mazurkiewicz>

*Now one year later, the assailant, Kelvin Vickers, will face trial. My team and I have been diligently preparing for this trial scheduled for September 18. It is my turn to find justice for Officer Mazurkiewicz.*

*When we talk about the service and sacrifice of law enforcement, we are talking about Anthony Mazurkiewicz and Daryl Pierson. They are not just police officers, they have families, friends, and a community they love. Individuals like Officer Mazurkiewicz and Officer Pierson served the City of Rochester, because they loved the City of Rochester. We must honor them and remember them for their service and sacrifice.*

## Homicide Update

So far in 2023:

City of Rochester Total:  
26

Monroe County Total: 30

*On this devastating anniversary, I hope you think about the Mazurkiewiczs and the forever missing piece of their family, tragically taken from them one year ago. To all law enforcement officers, stay safe.*

*Sandra*

## Long Term Investigation

During the months of April and June 2023, multiple law enforcement agencies utilized information collected from a long-term narcotics investigation to execute search warrants at seventeen locations within the City of Rochester.

This was a long term investigation by the Greater Rochester Area Narcotics Enforcement Team (GRANET), Monroe County District Attorney's Office, the United States Attorney's Office, the Rochester Police Department, the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, the New York State Police, the Auburn Police Department, and multiple federal agencies.

During the course of the warrant executions, 3.5 kilograms of cocaine, 500 grams of crack cocaine, 300 grams of fentanyl, 17 firearms, and over \$75,000 were seized and the following individuals were indicted:

- **Pedro Martinez** was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree
- **Adam Bowen** was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree
- **Ethan Davenport, Marcus Joseph, and Kevin Robertson** were indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree
- **Anthony Martin** was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree

These cases will be prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Kennedy and Assistant District Attorney Jonathan Jirik, both of the Special Investigations Bureau.

## Highlights from the MCDA's Office

52-year-old **Leroy Burrows** was convicted by a jury of two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Hyatt, Deputy Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau and Assistant District Attorney Stephen Ryck, also of the Special Investigations Bureau. Mr. Burrows will be sentenced on September 29, 2023, in front of Monroe County Court Judge Hahn.

**Joshua Vanwuyckhuyse** was convicted by a jury of two counts of Aggravated Family Offense for violations of Orders of Protection. He will be sentenced by New York State Supreme Court Justice Renzi on August 23, 2023. This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jessica Wagner, of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

**James Cooper** was convicted by a jury of Grand Larceny in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. He will be sentenced by New York State Supreme Court Justice Moran on September 25, 2023. This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Diana Ferretti, of the General Felony Bureau.

21-year-old **Treveon Gates** was sentenced by New York State Supreme Court Justice Sinclair to 25 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of post-release supervision for Manslaughter in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree and 5 years in the New York State Department of Corrections for Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree to run consecutively. Gates previously pled guilty to Manslaughter in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree for the beating death of Gerald Wayne Irvin. He also pled guilty to Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree in relation to a Monroe County Heroin Task Force Investigation from May 5, 2021. During the early morning hours of April 18, 2022, Rochester Police Officers were called to North Clinton Avenue, where they located Gerald Wayne Irvin with life-threatening injuries. The victim later died from his injuries at Strong Memorial Hospital. After a detailed investigation by the Rochester Police Department, it was determined that Treveon Gates was responsible for this violent beating that led to Mr. Irvin's death. Throughout the course of the investigation, Rochester Police realized that Treveon Gates was searching for someone to violently attack; the victim was the second man Treveon Gates attacked that morning. Police later discovered that the defendant recorded part of the attack on his cell phone. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Hyatt, Deputy Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau, and Assistant District Attorney Matthew Hogestyn, also of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Monroe County Court Judge Miller sentenced 42-year-old **Piero Scala** to 25 years to Life. He was previously convicted by a jury of Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the 5<sup>th</sup> Degree for the murder of Cathy O'Brien in October 2019. On October 9, 2019, Webster Police Officers arrived at the home of Cathy O'Brien on Oakdale Drive for a welfare check. Upon arriving, the officers found 56-year-old Cathy O'Brien deceased with multiple stab wounds. On October 28, 2019, after a thorough investigation conducted by the Webster Police Department and the New York State Police, which included assistance from the public, Piero Scala was arrested for her murder. The two were known to each other. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Michael Robertson, Deputy Chief of the Special Victims Unit, and Senior Assistant District Attorney Kristina Hinkley, of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

Monroe County Court Judge Vacca sentenced 34-year-old **Darrell Griffin** to 25 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections. Darrell Griffin was previously convicted by a jury of Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Manslaughter in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, two counts of Robbery in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree for the armed robbery and murder of Omar Hughley. On April 24, 2022, Rochester Police Officers responded to W. Main Street outside Minq Lounge, where they located Omar Hughley, who was found deceased with a gunshot wound in the upper chest. Omar Hughley had been out celebrating his birthday with friends that night. Rochester Police Investigators determined that Omar Hughley had been robbed at gunpoint, before being shot and killed. After a thorough investigation, the Rochester Police Department identified parolee Darrell Griffin as the shooter, and the individual who robbed the victim. Darrell Griffin was on parole and had an electronic ankle monitor for a previous Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree conviction at the time of the murder. He was charged for the murder and robbery of Omar Hughley. The case was prosecuted by Special Assistant District Attorney Greg Clark, of the Major Felony Bureau.

50-year-old **Juan Rivera** was sentenced by New York State Supreme Court Justice Sinclair to 25 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of post-release supervision for the homicide, consecutive to 1-3 years in the New York State Department of Corrections for the arson. He previously pled guilty to Manslaughter in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree and Arson in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree for the stabbing death of Maribel Diaz and the arson of his residence. On the night of June 17, 2022, Rochester Police Officers were called to Suntru Street around 10:30 PM, where they found 35-year-old Maribel Diaz stabbed to death inside her vehicle. Rochester Police Officers searched for Maribel's estranged husband, Juan Rivera, and located him at his residence on McNaughton Street during the early hours of June 18, 2022. Upon arriving at the house, which was owned by the defendant's parents, Juan Rivera set fire to the house, where at least eleven animals died. Juan Rivera fled the house and was transported to Strong Memorial Hospital. He was arrested for the arson and the homicide of Maribel Diaz. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Patrick Gallagher, Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau and Assistant District Attorney Drew Kroft, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

16-year-old **Theodice Parks** was indicted on five counts of Burglary in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree in relation to multiple smash and grabs throughout Monroe County during January 2023 and February 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Matthew Schiano, of the Youth Part/Major Felony Bureau.

**Anthony Wiggins, Jr.** was indicted on two counts of Driving While Intoxicated, two counts of Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated With a Child Passenger, and Endangering the Welfare of a Child in relation to a vehicular incident on November 26, 2022. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kelly Pettrone, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

**Taj'Mere Irwin** was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree in relation to the possession of an illegal firearm on June 5, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Matthew Hogestyn, of the Special Investigation's Bureau.

**Cordell Brooks** and **Shuntiayana Sims** were indicted on Sex Trafficking, Promoting Prostitution in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Kidnapping in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, and Assault in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Sara Vanstrydonck, Chief of the Special Victims Unit and Assistant District Attorney Rachel Clark, Deputy Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

**Ryan O'Connor** was indicted on Burglary in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Robbery in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, and Assault in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in relation to a domestic incident in the Town of Wheatland on July 5, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jessica Wagner, of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

**Rahdames Sanchez** was indicted on two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and Assault in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in relation to a domestic related assault and illegal weapon possession. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Rachel Clark, Deputy Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

**Melvin Hill, George Joseph, Marcus Joseph, and Jahmeikk Kentish** were indicted on Conspiracy in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in relation to an illegal narcotics operation. Melvin Hill was also indicted on Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree. George Joseph was also indicted on two counts of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree. Marcus Joseph was also indicted on three counts of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, five counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, and two counts of Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree. Jahmeikk Kentish was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree and three counts of Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree. Finally, **Anthony Chatman** was charged in the same indictment with Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree and Criminal Possession of a Firearm. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Robin Catalano, Chief of the Special Investigation's Bureau.

**Chazman Baity** was indicted on two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and Assault in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in relation to a domestic related assault and possession of an illegal firearm on February 6, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Patrick Gallagher, Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

**Damon Payton** was indicted on four counts of Failure to Register or Verify as a Sex Offender. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Sara Vanstrydonck, Chief of the Special Victims Unit.

**Tajeron Williams** was indicted on two counts of Assault in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in relation to the assault of two EMTs on June 2, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Emily Chisholm, of the Major Felony Bureau.

**Joel Perez** and **Jeffrey Moctezuma-Ortiz** were indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree. Jeffrey Moctezuma-Ortiz was also indicted on Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree and three counts of Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jonathan Jirik, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

**Starlene Newton** was indicted on Falsely Reporting and Incident in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in relation to an incident on June 23, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Matthew Schiano, of the Youth Part/Major Felony Bureau.

**Shamire Ford** was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree in relation to the possession of an illegal firearm on June 25, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Stephen Ryck, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

**Mark Chambers** was indicted on Aggravated Criminal Contempt, two counts of Aggravated Family Offense, and Criminal Contempt in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree in relation to domestic incidents during the month of June 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kristina Hinkley, of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

**Chase Ivery-Beckford** was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Attempted Assault in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree and Reckless Endangerment in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree in relation to a domestic incident on June 28, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Patrick Gallagher, Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

**Christopher Young** was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree in relation to the possession of an illegal firearm on May 12, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Matthew Hogestyn, of the Special Investigations Bureau.



**Victor Perez** was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree in relation to the possession of an illegal firearm on July 8, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jonathan Jirik, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

**James Jones** was indicted on two counts of Driving While Intoxicated and Resisting Arrest in relation to a vehicular incident on June 14, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Drew Kroft, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

## Farewell, Mark!

Today is Monroe County District Attorney Investigator Mark Freese's last day! Mark joined us six years ago, following 29 years with the Rochester Police Department. We will miss you, but enjoy your well-deserved retirement. Congratulations!



## MCDA in the News

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